

'Dirty pool': councillor

Dear Sir,
I know this must seem monotonous but I do take umbrage with comments made by Mr. Barry Page in his letter to the local newspapers and the Mayor of Halton Hills.

Mr. Page called the meeting at which council selected the architect for the Town Hall project "so-called in camera". This meeting WAS in camera and was because not one councillor including the chairman, Pam Sheldon, advised they wished it to be otherwise.

Mr. Page, only after the selection was made in an 8-2 vote, did one councillor object to the meeting being in camera. I call that type of grandstanding "dirty pool". Perhaps some people think that one can breach confidentiality by crying about the fact that the meeting should not have been in camera. I can assure Mr. Page that councillors KNOW that their first duty is to their taxpayers. However breach of trust is never in the taxpayers' best interests because it can easily become indiscriminate thus causing lawsuits, strikes by employees, loss of excellent staff and improper land deals. Even more, if councillors cannot be candid on private and confidential matters, when attending in camera sessions, council may not get all information needed to properly represent their taxpayers. To take other people's private words from private sessions into open is despicable. Fair ball to express your own opinions - but not fair ball to go beyond that point. More importantly, when confidentiality is breached the person breaching it could be telling lies and no one can clear the matter without further breaching of con-

Letter to the editor

Confidentiality.
Mr. Page accused council of "character assassination". I can assure Mr. Page I have never attended a private meeting of council at which anyone's character has been "assassinated" or impugned. Someone has given this misinformation to Mr. Page. It is not only false but incredibly malicious and hurtful.

Mr. Page states that there are slow learners on council and that we should get "on running the affairs of our community".

I can assure Mr. Page and all constituents of Halton Hills that there are no "slow learners" on our council. We do however have intelligent, energetic and caring councillors who work 48 hours a day to achieve this list of 1st year accomplishments:

- 1) Hiring a top-notch chief administrator
- 2) Meagan Developments
- 3) Enterac - near completion and

- 4) Fair and responsible budget
- 5) Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee
- 6) New Town Hall - established budget - reaffirmed site - hired architect
- 7) Fire Hall addition
- 8) New Emergency Communication Centre
- 9) Market Value Assessment
- 10) Fairy Lake Boathouse
- 11) Promotional Industrial Brochure
- 12) New Industrial Strategy Policy for Halton Hills.

Mr. Page, "slow-learners" could not have accomplished so much in a year.

Imperfect as we all are, we work very hard to make the quality of life for today's residents and future residents the best it can be. That's our job - we take it seriously.

Sincerely,
Betty Flaher,
Councillor (Ward 3)
Halton Hills

— NOTICE —

Salvation Army in co-operation with St. Vincent de Paul, Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E. and Acton Rotary Club and Rockwood Lionettes will supply Christmas hampers to families in need. Applications are available from Nov. 19 to Dec. 6 at the Salvation Army Thrift Store, 120 Mill St. East Acton, and 82 Mill St. Georgetown and Acton Social Services, 19 Willow St. North

Understocked libraries aren't matching demand

By SANDY CAMPBELL
Herald Staff

About \$700,000 is needed for Halton Hills Public Libraries to have as many books as other towns the same size. Ontario libraries in towns with 30,000 and 50,000 people have an average of 2.09 items per person, said Betsy Cornwell, chief librarian. Examples of items are books, records and tapes.

The average number of items in Halton Hills is 1 item less than the provincial average. "We've got a problem," said Mrs. Cornwell.

The item shortage and the 1987 library budget were discussed at the Nov. 13 Library Board meeting. Possible solutions to the item shortage will be discussed at the Dec. 17 Board meeting.

The problem, as identified by Mrs. Cornwell, is budgeting. "Instead of a goal driven budget, it is a percentage driven budget," she said of the town budget.

The budget keeps up with inflation, not the needs of the library. In the 12 years Mrs. Cornwell has been chief librarian, the budget has never concentrated on growth, she said. Now the number of items in Halton Hills' libraries "is the lowest per capita in the province" in their town size range, she said.

In order to catch up, a long term plan must be created. Mrs. Cornwell suggested a five year plan. "The Library Board and the town have to close the gap," Mrs. Cornwell said.

The library's budget for 1987 must be submitted by Jan. 9, 1987.

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Chimney fire, \$5,000 damage

The hot flue of a chimney started a fire in the attic of a Trafalgar Road home Sunday at 4:07 p.m. Damage totalled \$5,000. There was damage to the roof and attic, and smoke and water damage.

One firefighter banged his wrist when he slipped while pulling shingles off the roof, an official from the fire department said.

The point where the fire started was where the wood from the attic touched the flue. People home at the time called the fire department.

Gas line cut

Firefighters were called to 81 Mountainview Road North Nov. 19 after a contractor cut a gas line. Traffic was blocked from 4:30 p.m. to 5:17 p.m., until the break was fixed.

Uncollected tax

The town tax collector is out \$39,348 this year. That's money that would have gone to the Halton Board of Education, Halton Region and the town.

Town Deputy Treasurer Grant Usher says the town's portion of that would have been \$18,719.

Some of those tax dollars are uncollectable, some are due to cancelled or reduced taxes from what had originally been calculated by the treasurer.

Stone school study

The future of the historic Stone School in Acton is to be looked at in a \$5,000 feasibility study.

Monday night, council voted to spend up to \$5,000 to have such a study done. The town bought the School Lane property from the Halton Board of Education two years ago, and rents it out to community groups.

Bid turned down

The bid by a Streetsville man for the Silvercreek Parkette was turned down by town council Monday night.

Instead, councillors voted to put the parkette at Lot 27 Con. 7 on the open market.

Fred Hachman of RR2 Streetsville had made a bid for \$150,000 for the four lots on the property.

\$3,200 membership

Halton Region has decided to spend \$21,159 to buy a membership into the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

The 1987 conference of the organization is to be held in Ottawa and to cost \$5,300 per person.

Coun. Norman Elliott questioned the value of belonging to this group, figuring out it would cost Halton Hills \$3,200 to belong.

Mayor Russ Miller said Burlington has belonged for some time and highly commends it.

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The best way to ensure that your furnace is safe is to have it checked periodically by a registered heating contractor. A quick check can reveal small problems, before they become large problems.

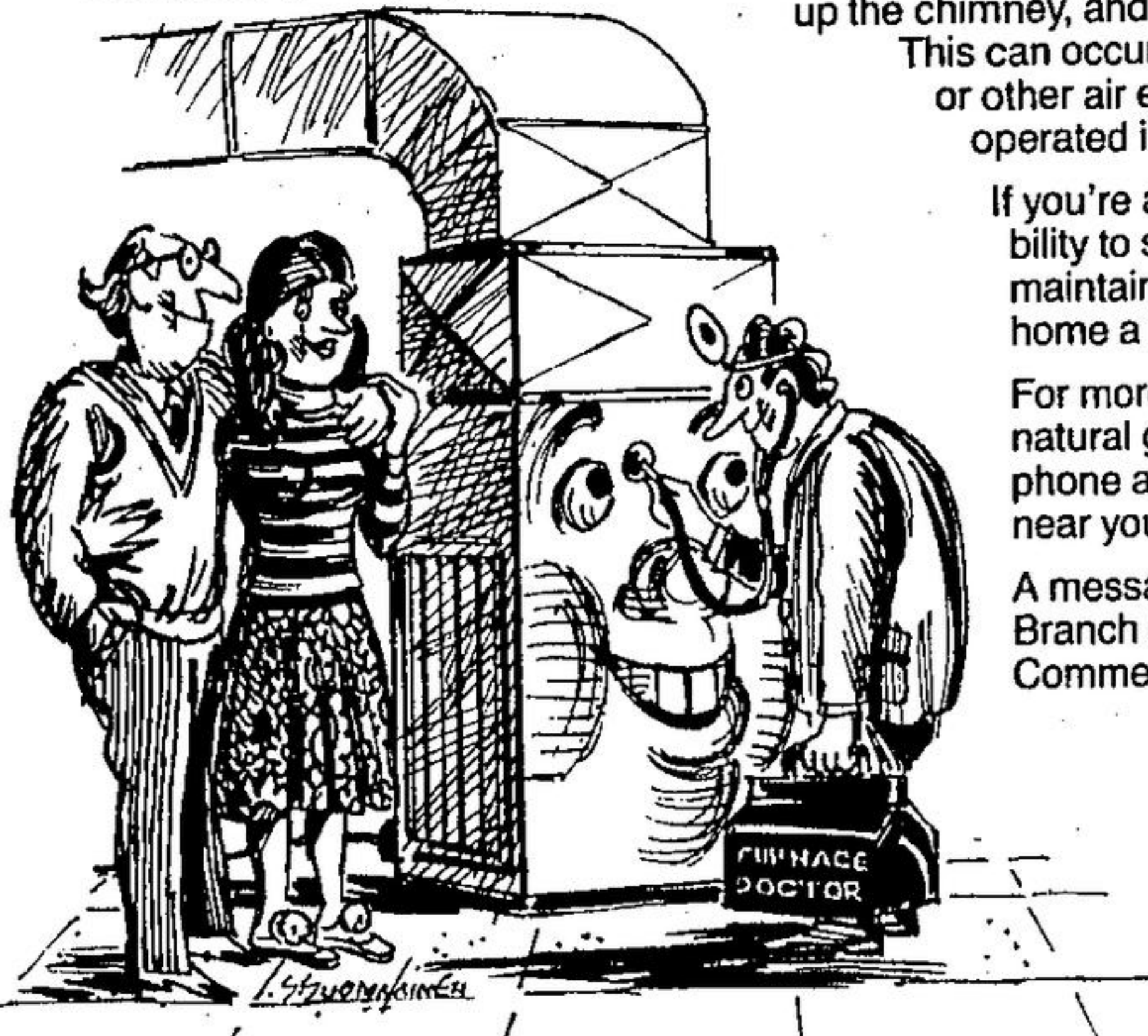
A blocked chimney or faulty furnace can cause serious health problems and even death by allowing carbon monoxide gas to spill into your home. Also, if there isn't sufficient household air for proper furnace combustion, exhaust gases may be prevented from rising up the chimney, and leak back into your home.

This can occur when the fireplace, kitchen fan or other air exhausting appliances are operated in a home.

If you're a homeowner, it's your responsibility to see that your furnace is properly maintained. A safe furnace makes your home a healthier place to be.

For more information, contact your natural gas, oil, or propane supplier. Or, phone a registered heating contractor near you.

A message from the Fuels Safety Branch of the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations.



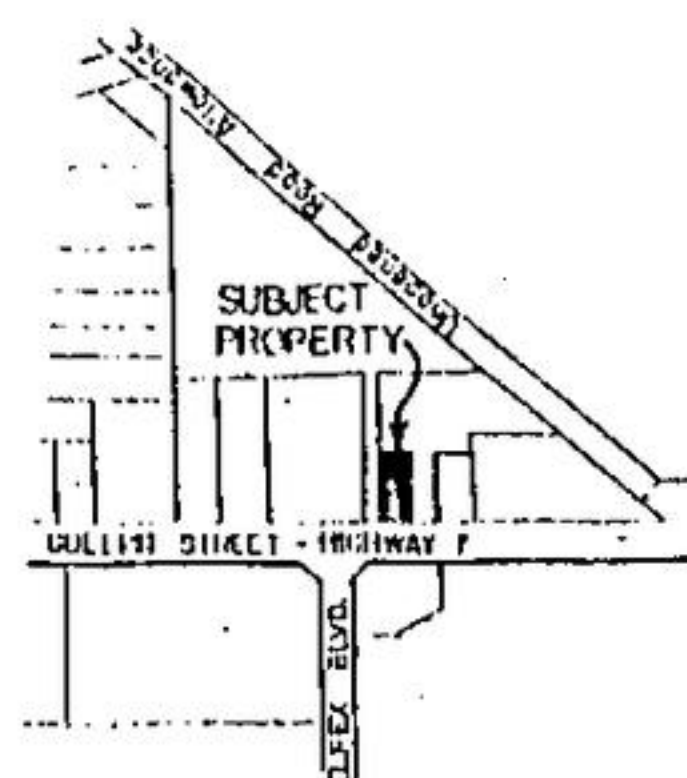
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING WARD 4 DELREX BOULEVARD/GUELPH STREET

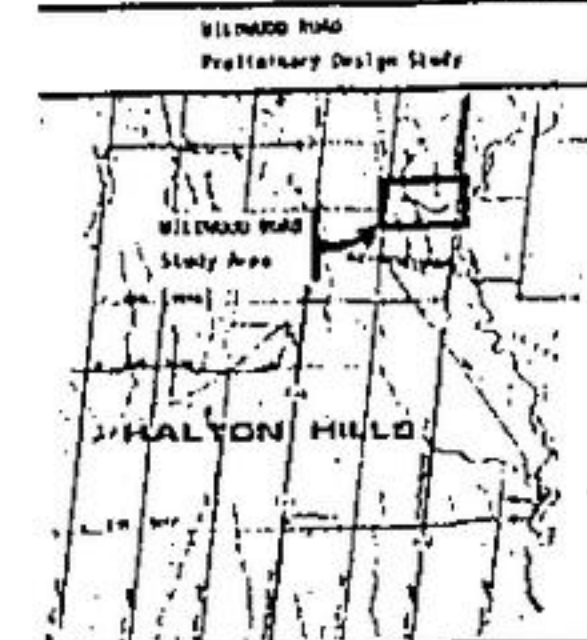


General Committee will conduct a Public meeting to examine and discuss an application to amend Zoning By-law 57-91 to permit the establishment of a high-way commercial zone that will include use of the property for a muffler repair shop, a radiator repair shop, an automobile lubrication shop, an automobile rust-proofing shop and an automobile glass replacement and repair shop, on lands located at the intersection of Guelp Street and Delrex Boulevard described as Part of Lot 14, Concession 10 (Georgetown) Town of Halton Hills.

ALL CITIZENS ARE WELCOME

Date: January 5, 1987
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Council Chamber, Town Administration Building
Trafalgar Road (7th Line), Town of Halton Hills
Bruce D. MacLean, M.C.I.P.
Deputy Planning Director
Ad. no. 733

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE WILDWOOD ROAD



The Town of Halton Hills is currently undertaking a study of possible improvements to Wildwood Road between Eighth Line and Confederation Street. A Public Information Centre has been arranged to introduce area residents to the study and is scheduled for:

Tuesday, December 2, 1988
2:00 to 5:00 p.m.
and
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Glen Williams Town Hall

This Information Centre is an informal meeting wherein interested citizens will be able to discuss the study and their concerns with representatives of the Town and their Consultant.

These meetings are open to all interested parties. If you are unable to attend or have specific questions, you may contact:

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